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Application of: Kathleen C.M. Campbell  
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Filed: July 23, 2001  
Confirmation No.: 2942  
For: THERAPEUTIC USE OF D-METHIONINE  
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**LETTER TO THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,  
SIR:

In response to the Office action dated July 15, 2003,  
Applicants duly submit this letter for reconsideration.

**REMARKS****Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 3-41 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Campbell et al., "D-methionine Provides Excellent Protection from Cisplatin Ototoxicity in the Rat," Hearing Research, 102, 90-98 (1996).

As defined in claim 1, the present invention is directed to a method for preventing or treating ototoxicity in a patient exposed to noise for a time and at an intensity sufficient to result in ototoxicity. In particular, Applicant has discovered that administration of an effective amount of an otoprotective agent comprising a compound containing a methionine or a methionine-like moiety to a patient can prevent or treat ototoxicity when the patient is exposed to noise at a level or for a duration that would cause ototoxicity.